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SECURITY INFORMATION

12 August 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : Status Report on National Psychological Effort and
First Progress Report of the Psychological Strategy Board

1. In accordance with our telephone conversation of August 11, I am forwarding herewith the following documents:

- a. Memo for DCI from the Director, PSB, forwarding subject report.
- b. The above subject report dated August 1, 1952.
- c. Summary of report and comments thereon dated 7 August 1952, prepared by my staff for DCI's use at the PSB meeting of 7 August.

d. Memo to Messrs. [redacted] of the PSB regarding revision of enclosed report with comments by State and Defense, informal suggestions by CIA, and suggested revised text of general conclusions on pages 1 and 2 of the status report.

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2. In addition to my staff's comments which are enclosed, I have requested the Area Divisions to submit their comments by the close of business 13 August; however, the executive office of the PSB has informed me that the President has set a deadline of August 15 for submission of the report. Accordingly, I am forwarding the above enclosures for your consideration at this time.

3. It was the decision of the PSB at their meeting on 7 August that the alternate members of the PSB should revise the report as necessary and submit it to the Board for final approval and forwarding to the NSC. As this report will have to be in final form on August 15, I suggest that it reach Mr. Dulles no later than the close of business August 12, to permit him to confer with the other alternates and submit the agreed upon paper to the PSB by August 14. The PSB staff has suggested that the alternates meet to consider the paper during the afternoon of August 13. I have advised Mr. Dulles' secretary that this paper is now in your hands and that you will contact him with respect thereto.

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4. Recommendations regarding Comments attached to memo:

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a. Revised Conclusions on pages 1 and 2:

These paragraphs are acceptable; however, I would prefer either our or Defense's rewrite of paragraph 1.

b. Revisions suggested by CIA:

These are acceptable to Defense and, probably, to State; however, for complete comments see briefing for DCI, which is attached. Defense has indicated its approval of these additional comments.

c. State Comments:

I concur with the deletion of the two general conclusions in the report, but recommend rewrite thereof in accordance with 4.a., above.

d. Defense Comments:

See 4.a., above.

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Chief
Psychological Staff Division

Enclosures: 4

- 1-Memo for DCI from Director, PSB
- 2-Status Report
- 3-Summary of Report & comments by PYD

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